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THE IRAQI LEADERSHIP WILL PLACE A GOOD PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RAID ON THE U.S. WHATEVER WE SAY AND BASE THIS ON ISRAEL'S USE OF ADVANCED U.S. AIR TO GROUND WEAPONS. CONSISTENT U.S. SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, AND A DEEP SUSPICION THAT THE U.S. EITHER STIMULATED THE ATTACK OR ACQUIESED IN IT.

4. ALTHOUGH NOTHING WE CAN SAY WILL COMPLETELY DISSIPATE IRAQI SUSPICIONS AND RESENTMENT, IT IS IMPORFROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF OUR SECURITY HERE AS WELL AS FOR AMERICANS ELSEWHERE IN THE AREA THAT

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THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO DISASSOCIATE OURSELVES FROM THE ISRAELI ACTION.

5. DEPARTMENT REPEAT AS APPROPRIATE. EAGLETON

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